GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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WHO GUIDELINES FOR CANCER TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WHO has assessed that developing countries need one radiation therapy machine per million of people;

(b) if so, whether the Government follows the WHO`s guidelines for cancer treatment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): As per World Health Organization, there is need to augment affordable & available facilities for cancer treatment including radiotherapy machines in developing countries and estimates in this regard may be based on the cancer incidence pattern, population distribution and resources available. At present there are about 300 teletherapy machines in the country. During the successive Plans, efforts are made to augment these facilities through National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)During the 10th Five Year Plan there is an allocation Rs.285.00 crores for the NCCP.